

REMARKS

The office communication of September 8, 2008, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that restriction of the application is required, as well as an election of species.

After discussing the application with the Examiner, applicant has reinserted original claims 1-16, and canceled previously added claims 17-38.

Applicant restricts the application to the composition of claims 1-10. Applicant also elects the species alginic acid. Claims 1-5 and 8-10 read on the elected species. Claims 1-4 and 8-10 are generic for all of the species. It is understood that divisional applications for the unselected inventions and species can be filed at a later date.

Favorable action on the present application is respectfully requested.


Any additional fees or charges required at this time in

FI-57

connection with this application may be charged to Patent and
Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

Respectfully submitted,

By


Klaus P. Stoffel
Reg. No. 31,668
For: Friedrich Kueffner
Reg. No. 29,482
317 Madison Avenue, Suite 910
New York, New York 10017
(212) 986-3114

Dated: October 8, 2008

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with
the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an
envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on October 8, 2008.

By:


Klaus P. Stoffel

Date: October 8, 2008